

Public Notice
Substantial Amend FY 2019 Annual Action

The City of Shreveport receives annual entitlement funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. A five-year Consolidated Strategy Plan must be developed before funds are released to the local jurisdiction. The jurisdiction must develop an Action Plan describing how the funds will be used each year. Any substantial changes in funding, goals or activities require a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Strategy Plan as set forth in 24 CFR Part 91.

The City of Shreveport received special allocations of funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act (COVID-19), which was enacted March 27, 2020. The CARES Act made available \$1,369,767 to the City of Shreveport under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV round 3) program and \$1,055,184 under the Emergency Solution Grant (ESG-CV round 2) programs. These funds are to be used to prevent, prepare and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). Due to the proposed increase in funding, a substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan is required.

The City of Shreveport is proposing amendments to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan that constitute a substantial amendment. These changes modify several areas of the Plan for **CDBG-CV round 3 and ESG-CV round 2**.

Citizens can review and provide comments on the draft substantial amendments to the FY2019 Annual Action Plan beginning, Friday, February 26, 2021 through Thursday, March 4, 2021 at www.shreveportla.gov, under the Department of Community Development.

Community Development Block Grant COVID Round III Allocation		
Administration	\$	205,500.00
Public Service	\$	800,000.00
Public Facility	\$	364,300.00
TOTAL:	\$	1,369,800.00

*This is the proposed use of funds and the amount funded for each category

Emergency Solutions Grant COVID Round II Allocation		
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$	25,000.00
Homeless Prevention	\$	400,000.00
Rapid Re-housing	\$	144,666.00
Shelter Operations	\$	330,000.00
Street Outreach	\$	50,000.00
Administration	\$	105,518.00
TOTAL:	\$	1,055,184.00

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Definitions

1. *Street Outreach:* Essential Services related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care. Eligible costs include engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services, transportation, and services for special populations.
2. *Emergency Shelter:* Renovation, including major rehabilitation or conversion, of a building to serve as an emergency shelter. The emergency shelter must be owned by a government entity or private nonprofit organization. The shelter must serve homeless persons for at least 3 or 10 years, depending on the type of renovation and the value of the building.
3. *Essential Services:* Including case management, child care, education services, employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, and services for special populations.
4. *Shelter Operations:* Including maintenance, rent, repair, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter. Where no appropriate emergency shelter is available for a homeless family or individual, eligible costs may also include a hotel or motel voucher for that family or individual.
5. *Homelessness Prevention:* Housing relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to prevent the individual or family from moving to an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation. Eligible costs include: rental assistance and rental arrears, financial assistance, rental application fees, security and utility deposits, utility payments, last month's rent, and

moving costs. Services include: housing search and placement, housing stability case management, landlord-tenant mediation, tenant legal services, and credit repair.

6. *Rapid Re-Housing:* Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.
7. *Public Service:* The CDBG regulations allow the use of grant funds for a wide range of public service activities, including, but not limited to: employment services; crime prevention and public safety; child care; health services; substance abuse services; fair housing counseling; education programs; energy conservation; and, services for senior citizens.
8. *Public Facility:* The CDBG program identifies publicly-owned facilities and infrastructure such as, streets, playgrounds, and underground utilities, and buildings owned by non-profits that are open to the general public, as Public Facilities and Improvements.